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Title: Message Authentication
using Messages Gates in a
Distributed Computing
Environment

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AMENDMENT; REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer of October 4, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner's Answer includes at least one new ground of rejection. Per 37 CFR 41.39, Applicants request that prosecution of the present application be reopened.

Please amend the case as presented below.